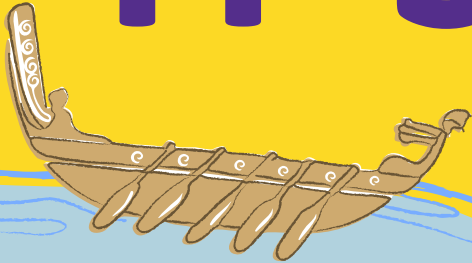


# IT'S TIME!



As Playcentre whānau, it's time to come together to become a branch of Playcentre Aotearoa.

## A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

That Playcentre is a viable option for all whānau where they can learn and grow together: whānau tupu ngātahi.

**This vision has the cooperative nature of Playcentre as front and centre, in line with our guiding principles and centre whānau focusing on:**



Children's  
learning



Adult  
education



Community

Centre whānau are the first and best educators for their tamariki using group supervision to run great sessions that cater to the needs of their tamariki and their whānau. Parents and whānau have time to focus on adult education

that empowers them to support play. Centre whānau are free to connect, celebrate, and build whanaungatanga as a community, shaping your centre's unique culture. He waka eke noa, we are all in this together.

Piki ake ki runga i te waka ki te pae tawhiti.

Climb aboard the waka to distant horizons.

## BACKGROUND

Our Playcentre whānau have always been fierce advocates of Playcentre and its kaupapa. In 2022, the trustee board took action, to protect their taonga: the taonga of Playcentre.

Trustee Board members engaged with experts to get the advice required to ensure the questions posed could be answered, and they were. A review highlighted major concerns and told us that change was essential to ensure Playcentre was here for future generations, our mokopuna, and the mokopuna of our tamariki.



Constitution not fit for purpose

The constitution (Rules) of Playcentre Aotearoa was replaced with a Trust Deed and Rules in September 2023 so that Playcentre Aotearoa could work to protect Playcentre, and Playcentre whānau for years to come.



Unsustainable operating model

MoE funding co-design

New operational model

New trust deed



2019 amalgamation is incomplete

Playcentre becomes one

New revenue streams

To move towards a sustainable future, Playcentre Aotearoa worked with the Ministry of Education (MoE) to increase the amount of funding Playcentre receives from the Government. We are also looking to introduce a new way of working (new operational model) to lift the burden of compliance, administration and the management of legislative requirements from centre whānau.

We all become one and complete the Amalgamation as intended in 2019. This is the final step to protect Playcentre whānau, where each Playcentre is its own local expression of Playcentre Aotearoa.



*There is nothing like it in the world. A uniquely New Zealand way of educating families, Playcentre has moulded its own identity, its own philosophy and practice through a plaiting together of strands – strands of ideas, practices, personalities and cultures.....*

*That Playcentre could survive is a tribute to those who pioneered it's systems....*

*That Playcentre has survived is a tribute to the maturity and goodwill of it's members.....*

*That Playcentre has contributed so much to New Zealand society is a tribute to the energy and vision of women and men around the country who were open to change.*

*The history and significance of the Playcentre movement.  
Good Clean Fun: New Zealand's Playcentre Movement (Stover, Sue. 1998)*



Now it is your time to continue with this kaupapa and protect the taonga that is Playcentre.

## What it means to become a branch of Playcentre Aotearoa:

1. With the introduction of the Kaimahi role, centre whānau will have the burden of administrative and compliance lifted so that they can focus on being the first and best educators for their tamariki. Centre whānau have time to concentrate on children's learning, adult education and building their community.
2. Centre whānau will be protected from the liability that comes with the legislative and regulatory requirements of running a Playcentre.
3. Centre whānau can leave the management of property and financial responsibilities of the centre to Playcentre Aotearoa. Centre assets (including funds held) are transferred to Playcentre Aotearoa and all property maintenance/upgrades, and operational and licensing requirements will become the financial responsibility of Playcentre, not your centre.
4. The Playcentre Aotearoa Trustee Board has the authority to act to manage all the statutory and legal responsibilities and liabilities of your centre. This keeps you and your whānau safe from being held responsible for meeting the needs of the law, that you may not know you are responsible for at the moment!

# How does our centre become a branch of Playcentre Aotearoa?

-  Check out the Branch Agreement page on our website. Download the cover letter, Participation Resolutions and the Branch Agreement.
-  Arrange a hui (resolution hui) to discuss this information as a group – give everyone at least 10 working days notice, and have 75% of your centre whānau present, in person or online.
-  Arrange a second hui (decision hui) after at least 10 working days and pass the resolutions (decisions) as per the Participation Resolutions document.
-  Send the completed Participation Resolutions and signed Branch Agreement to [branchagreement@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:branchagreement@playcentre.org.nz).
-  Playcentre Aotearoa will then be in touch with the next steps and what your centre can do to prepare to transition into a branch of Playcentre Aotearoa.

## TO FIND OUT MORE

Check out our website  
[playcentre.org.nz](http://playcentre.org.nz)



Talk to your  
Centre Advisor



Look out for updates  
on Facebook and in the  
Bulletin.

Join us for Zoom hui  
to ask any questions  
you might have.



Share our videos with  
your centre whānau.



“Whānau tupu ngātahi – families growing together”



## FINANCES

Once your centre is a branch of Playcentre Aotearoa, centre whānau will no longer need to worry about any financial administration for their centre. Any purchases will be made by the Kaimahi in line with the centre's budget. There will be a legal transfer of centre assets to Playcentre Aotearoa.

(Most leases for land and buildings are already held by Playcentre Aotearoa, as is any ownership of land and buildings. Other assets include things like furniture and equipment)

Funds held for specific purposes (from fundraising, grants or external donations) will be allocated to this purpose for 24 months from the date the Branch Agreement is signed. Each centre will have its own cost centre and these funds will be tagged to this.

Fixed costs will be covered



Centres will have choices over



## JULY 2019

Playcentre Aotearoa formed following the amalgamation of 32 Associations

## EARLY 2022

Hon. Tracey Martin & David Moger present assessment of the organisation to the Trustee Board who adopted a plan to secure the future of Playcentre

## OCTOBER 2022

Centres and Rōpū agree to adopt the Trust Deed. This was done under our commitment to Te Tiriti and our Two House Model.

## AUGUST 2023

Trust Deed is validated by the High Court

## JULY 2024

Pilot of New Operational Model and Kaimahi begin in centres

## LATE 2024

Centres start to sign branch agreement

## 2025

Centres begin to migrate into the New Operational Model

## 31 MARCH 2025

Branch Agreements have been signed by all centres

## 31 AUGUST 2025

Amalgamation complete: Playcentre, we are all one.

## THE KAIMAHI ROLE

The Kaimahi is responsible for completing the day-to-day administrative tasks necessary for the efficient and compliant operation of our centres.



## CENTRE WHĀNAU ROLE

Centre whānau will be able to focus on their tamariki, children's learning, strengthening their centre community, and adult education.

## Children's learning

## Adult education

## Community



Ki te puna, te manga, te awa, te pūaha ka eke ki te moana.

From the shallow of the spring, to the branches of creeks on to the fast and free flowing waters of the river to the ocean.